



## Arkansas Post National Memorial

# Calendar of Events 2011



**May 21 – Civil War Encampment / *The Chatfield Story* Book Signing** – From 10 AM – 1 PM and 2 PM – 3 PM, visit with volunteers dressed as citizens and soldiers from Arkansas Post in January 1863. Park Volunteer Dyan Bohnert will present the program “Civil War Medicine Woman”. In the Visitor Center, Terry M. and Margaret Ann Chatfield McCarty will sign copies of their book, *The Chatfield Story: Civil War Letters and Diaries of Private Edward L. Chatfield of the 113<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteers*. The book signing will be from 10 AM – Noon and 2 PM – 3PM. A special program, “The Adventures of Two Civil War Biographers” will be at 1 PM in the theater. In the event of rain, the encampment will be moved into the Visitor Center. The event is free; registration is not required.

**June 4 –Special Ribbon Cutting for the Arkansas Post Water Trail** will be at 10 AM at Moore’s Bayou. The new trail is collaboration between the Arkansas Game and Fish, US Army Corp of Engineers, National Park Service, and Park Volunteer Don Hubsch. A short guided float will follow the ceremony.

### **FAMILY FUN DAYS - SATURDAYS THIS SUMMER – 9 AM to 1 PM**

*Register for these events (except the Fishing Derby) by calling 870-548-2207*

**June 11 – Reptiles and Amphibians** – Learn about the slippery and scaly inhabitants of Arkansas Post. Special programs on snakes, turtles, and alligators and a hike around Park Lake are just part of the fun.

**June 18 - Youth Fishing Derby** – Try your hand at catching the big one in the Arkansas Post Youth Fishing Derby. Park Lake will be stocked by the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission with 300 channel catfish for this event. Prizes will be awarded for the largest catfish landed. Competition is open to youth 12 and under. Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. Competition fishing from 9:00 A.M. to Noon. Fishing will be open to all ages after the contest.

**June 25 – Birds and Mammals** - The first Europeans to settle Arkansas sought after the furs of small mammals and deer. Today Arkansas Post draws birders from across the region. Join us for a bird hike and talks on animal tracks.

**July 2 – Colonial Kids Day** – What kind of chores and games would a kid have taken part in during 1700s Arkansas? Join Rangers and Volunteers to learn about the early days of Arkansas History.

**July 9 – Digital Photography Workshop** – Participants learn basic techniques for taking outdoor digital photographs and capture nature in action at Arkansas Post. You can also create a frame for their picture and at the end of the day to receive a copy of their best photograph to take home. You may bring your own digital camera or you can reserve one of the parks digital cameras when you call to register.

**July 16 – Orienteering / Bike Tours** – If you want to learn the basics how to read a map and compass, this program is will help with the basic skills. Bring your bicycle and helmet for a special tour of Arkansas Post.

**July 23 – Civil War in the Delta** – Ranger Joe Herron will lead a walk to the rifle pits for a special talk on the Battle of Arkansas Post. We will briefly discuss battles of Helena, St. Charles and Ditch Bayou and what role these Delta battles played in the overall Western Campaign. This program is geared for kids, but everyone with an interest in the Civil War is encouraged to attend.

**July 30 – Digital Photography Workshop** – An encore program for those who missed the July 9 workshop.

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 21 – July 28 -Trailblazers** – Join Teacher Ranger Lindsay Robinson Beaton at **8 AM** for a special “couch-potato to 5K” running program. Time completing the program can go towards earning the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award. Registration is necessary; call Joe Herron or Lindsay Robinson-Beaton at 870-548-2207.

**October 22 – The 17<sup>th</sup> Ghosts of the Past** - Join park staff and volunteers for the annual guided walk through Arkansas History. Living History presentations will portray events from the exploration and settlement of Arkansas Post, Colbert’s Raid, and the Civil War. Tours last approximately one hour. Reservations are strongly recommended.

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